THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The National Policy on Tourism continues to be the same as stipulated in the National Action Plan for Tourism present ed in the Parliament in May, 1992. It envisages the development of tourism through the joini efforts of the Central Government, State Governments and the Private Sector.

(c) For development of tourism infra-structure in the country, projects/schemes amounting to Rs. 5115.10 lakhs (approx.) which includes Rs. 185.00 lakhs for the State of Punjab have been prioritised for the year 1994-95.

Model Airports

357. SHRI IQBAL SINGH; Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to stater

(a) whether is a fact that Govern-ment propose to slart a modernisation programme to turn 12 airports in the country into model airpors and upgrade the Air Traffic services in two key international airports of Delhi and Bombay.

(b) if so,what a details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) wheher these airports would include extension of runways, doubling passenger handling capacity and upgard-ing communication and navigational aids which were in various stages of completion: and

(d) if so, the total cost amount is to be spent on under model air-ports and upgrade are ties of airports?

TH'E .MINISTER OF CIVIL AVTS TION AND TOURISM (SHRl OHUTA NABI AZAD): (*a)* Yes. Sir

(b) to (d) Upgradation of airports continuing process *and is* TAKEN *up* J's a phased manner depending upon projected requirement and availability of resources. NAA have taken up the projects of developing 12 domestic air-ports as Model Airports at a total cost of Rs. 256.S6 crores viz. Jaipur, Lucknow, Nagpur, Indore, Vadodara, Hyderabad, Coimbatore, Calicut, Patna, Bmiba-t neawa-. Guwahati and Imphal. The programme includes construction of new terminal buildings, expansion of existing terminal buildings wherever necessary and possible extension of runway to 7500, provision of latest land aids and other operational infrastructures. The project for the modernisation of Air i Traffic Services at Delhi and Bombay airports envisages, installation of modem radars and navigational aids and intro-duction of automation in air traffic management. The cos of modernisation of Air Traffic Services at Delhi and Bombay airports will be around Rs. 352 crores.

Nail charges at Ashoka Hotel New Delhi

358 SHRl IAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will 'he Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state-:

(a) the normal rite of charee made at the Ashoka Hotel. New Delhi like nail charge etc. to compensate for posiible : damage to the- concerned ban-! quet hall from the concerned persons;

(b) whether the same charges were recovered from the persons concerned who had thrown a lavish dinner ore 3rd May, 1994 vide Bill No. 5383 of the hotel: and

(c)name of persori or persons whd , has thrown thrown dinner. if mot, why norcrml nail charge etc. were not re.coverel and what other c-ortcessrons were granted to them while leting out the Convention Hail o the private party?

The MINISTER OF CTVTL AVIA-TION AND SHRI GHULAM | NABI AZAD): fa) while booking the banquet paries, no charges such a* nail charges are levied from the parties as per the preactiee to the hotel .

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The dinner party was booked by Shri Narinder Aggarwal. No concession was granted to the party and the regular rate wag charged.

Bas serving of Hguor on lights

359.SHRI KRISHAN LAL, SHARMA: Will the Minuter *at* CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Oowecn.-ment have banned serving *at tinwtr* by the private air taxi operators *at* the country :

(b) whether it it also a fact (hat despite the fact that serviag of liqoor in flights wag considered vioiation of the established practices so far observed id the country, the perraisaion was given *to* the air taxis;

(c) number of cases *at* misbehaviour by the passengers on board after serving reported to Government together with the details; and

(d) what stepg Government have taken or propose to take to ensure that the ban on serving liquor on flights is observed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Under the existing Aircraft Rules .serving of liquor on board i the flight is not prohibited,

(c) Information is being collected.

(d) Implementation of the order is being monitored.

Ban on transfer of officials Is PSUs

360. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether one-year ban has been imposed by the Ministry on the transfer of officials in its public sector undertakings like T.A., TAAT etc.; and

r*(b)* if so, whan the ban is empectett o take effect from?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD); (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Absorption of Vaywdoot Staff

361. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN': Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines is absorbing the Vayudoot staff within and outside the company; and

(b) if *so,* the names of the staff alongwith their qualifications taken ewer by Indian Airlines alongwith the absorption in other undertakings/companies?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Indian Airlines is absorbing Vayudoot staff in the newly creatce Short Haul Operations Department in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Government.

(b) So far appointment letters have been issued to two handicapped (blind) employees namely Mr. Mangal Sen and Mr. Mukta Prasad.

Moderabstion and upgradation of airports

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will THE Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of modernisation and upgradation of each one of the 130 airports in the country;

(b) the project cost and the amount incurred at each of the airports with detailed equipment; and

(c) the time frame for the completioal of the job alongwith the financial outlay?